CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
JUNE 15, 2021 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Carlos Escobedo, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Stilwell, City Attorney Watson, and Chief Deputy City Clerk White (for roll call only).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
There were no requests to speak.

RECESS - CLOSED SESSION
Mayor Patino recessed to a Closed Session at 4:47 p.m. for

1) **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION** pursuant to Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code. Agro-Jal Farming Enterprises, et al. v. Engel & Gray, et al. Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. 18CV01288.

2) **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** pursuant to Subdivision (e)(1) of Government Code Section 54956.9. One potential case.

INVOCATION
Councilmember Waterfield gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Escobedo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino reconvened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Carlos Escobedo, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Director of Finance Mary Harvey, Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kevin McCune, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Chief of Police Marc Schneider, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, Fire Chief Todd Tuggle, Solid Waste Manager Heriberto Cantu, Regulatory Compliance Manager Alexandra Griffith, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: CITY ATTORNEY
City Attorney Watson reported that instructions were provided to counsel on both cases.

1 PROCLAMATIONS
There were no Proclamations.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
There were no requests to speak.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR
Consent Calendar Items 3A-3N were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2021-63, 2021-64, 2021-65, 2021-66, 2021-67, 2021-68, 2021-69, 2021-70, 2021-71, 2021-72, and 2021-73. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings waived.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of June 1, 2021.

Action: Minutes approved as presented.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Motion carried. 5-0.

C. Adopt a Resolution cancelling the regular City Council meeting scheduled on July 6, 2021.

Action: July 6th City Council meeting cancelled.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-63. 5-0.

D. Adopt a Resolution approving revisions to the Citywide Records Retention Schedule.

Action: Updates to Citywide Records Retention Schedule approved.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-64. 5-0.

E. Adopt a Resolution approving an amended agreement with the County of Santa Barbara for animal control services.

Action: Animal Services Agreement Amendment approved.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-65. 5-0.

F. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Warrants ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Motion carried. 5-0.

G. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Payroll ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Motion carried. 5-0.

H. Adopt a Resolution approving the City of Santa Maria's 2021 Investment Policy.

Action: 2021 Investment Policy adopted.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-66. 5-0.

I. Adopt a Resolution approving an agreement with Main Line Engineering Construction, Inc., for the award of Bid No. 2021/03, Broadway Valve Replacement Project.

Action: Award of Bid No. 2021/03, Broadway Valve Replacement Project.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-67. 5-0.

J. Adopt a Resolution adopting a list of projects for fiscal year 2021-22 funded by Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

Action: SB 1 List of Projects approved.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-68. 5-0.

K. Adopt a Resolution approving applications for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 funds in the Santa Maria Urbanized Area (SMUA) for fiscal years 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24.

Action: Applications for FTA funds approved.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-69. 5-0.

L. Adopt Resolutions approving the Engineer's Reports for assessment proceedings, declaring the intention to levy and collect assessments, and setting a time and place for a public hearing thereon for the four Landscape Maintenance Districts and the 24 Special Benefit Zones.

Action: Engineer reports and LMD assessments approved. Public hearing set to be held July 20, 2021.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution Nos. 2021-70 and 2021-71, respectively. 5-0.

M. Adopt a Resolution approving a Services Agreement with MarBorg Industries for processing recyclable materials.

Action: Agreement with MarBorg for processing recyclables.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-72. 5-0.

N. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the execution of a Work Order with Pacific Gas and Electric Company for the Sustainable Solutions Turnkey Program Implementation Project 3, Phase II (ECM-02 & EMC-03).

Action: PG&E SSTP implementation Project 3 approved.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-73. 5-0.

4 PUBLIC HEARING

A. **2020 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN.** The City Council considered approving the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan. Utilities Director Springer gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public input
Mayor Patino opened the public hearing at 5:47 p.m. and, having no requests to speak, immediately closed the public hearing.

Action: Adopt a Resolution approving the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-74. 5-0.

B. **REPEAL OF EMPLOYEE HOUSING ORDINANCE.** The City Council considered authorizing the Mayor to execute the Voluntary Compliance Agreement between the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the City of Santa Maria, and repealing portions of Ordinance No. 2019-04 containing the employee housing ordinance in Title 12 of the Santa Maria Municipal Code. Director of Community Development Ng gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public input
Mayor Patino opened the public hearing at 5:54 p.m.

Phil Sinco spoke about the ordinance and said that, as the principal author of the Ordinance, he did not believe it was discriminatory.

Claire Wineman expressed her appreciation for the effort that went into developing the Ordinance and said her agency was committed to maintaining a good working relationship with the City going forward.

Peggy Perez expressed concern about the density of employee housing in established neighborhoods and said she did not think employee housing should be allowed in the City.

Mayor Patino closed the public hearing at 6:03 p.m.

Councilmember Escobedo requested that staff create an Ordinance that complies with HUD's requirements.

Action: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the execution of a voluntary compliance agreement and conciliation agreement between the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity and the City of Santa Maria.

Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-75. 3-2. Noes: Mayor Patino and Councilmember Waterfield.

Action: Introduce for the first reading, and continue to the next meeting for second reading and adoption, an Ordinance repealing portions of Ordinance No. 2019-04 containing the employee housing ordinance in Title 12 of the Santa Maria Municipal Code.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. Introduced as Ordinance No. 2021-04. 3-2. Noes: Mayor Patino and Councilmember Waterfield.

5 REGULAR BUSINESS

Items 5A and 5B were presented and considered concurrently.

A. **AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED 2021-22 CITY BUDGET (SECOND YEAR OF THE APPROVED TWO-YEAR BUDGET).** The City Council considered making amendments to the 2021-22 mid-cycle budget. City Manager Stilwell gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Reports.

Action: Adopt a Resolution approving amendments to the 2021-22 mid-cycle City Budget.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-76. 5-0.

B. **PERSONNEL CHANGES RESULTING FROM BUDGET AMENDMENTS.** The City Council considered personnel changes, approving the City's Salary Schematic, and amending the Conflict of Interest Code as authorized in the 2021-22 amended City Budget.

Action: Adopt a Resolution amending Appendix "A" of the Conflict of Interest Code for designated filers of the City of Santa Maria.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-77. 5-0.

Action: Adopt a Resolution approving personnel changes as a result of the amendments to the adopted 2021-22 Budget and the updated City of Santa Maria Salary Schematic.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-78. 5-0.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Stilwell reported that the next regular City Council meeting would be July 20, 2021, and the July 6th City Council meeting would be canceled. Items on the July 20th agenda would include a COVID update. The Council Chambers is expected to be opening to the public soon. He also gave a brief update on the status of re-opening with the County of Santa Barbara.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)

Councilmember Cordero reported he continues to collaborate with CommUnify and United Way.

Councilmember Soto reported she was the keynote speaker at CommUnify's Youth Matters Summit.

Councilmember Waterfield reported she spoke on the Ben Heighes radio show.

Councilmember Escobedo had no reportable AB1234 items.

Mayor Patino reported she attended the California League of Cities Housing, Community, and Economic Development Policy Committee meeting; the Santa Barbara County Mayors and City Managers meeting; the North County Subregional Meeting; the Santa Barbara County Legislative briefing; and the Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley Board meeting. Mayor Patino announced that a vaccine clinic for young people was scheduled to be held Sunday, June 20th from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 625 S. McClelland. She also congratulated John Spencer and Spencer's Markets on their 50th anniversary and she spoke in memory of Erik Frost who passed away May 30th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Approved at a regular meeting on July 20, 2021.

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

7/22/2021

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria